

ORNITHO-LOGIE

OR,

The Speech of

BIRDS.

ALSO,

The Speech of

FLOVVERS.

Partly Moral,
Partly Mystical.

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10. The following table gives the number of hours worked by 1000 workers in a certain industry.

To my much Honored Friend,
William Stafford Esquire,
Merchant of Bristol.

Worthy Sir,

In this plundering age, wherein
the studies of so many
have beene ransacked, and
many papers intended for
private solace and diversion
have bin exposed to publike view, it
was my fortune to light on the ensuing dis-
course: It seemed to me pitty that it should
be strangled in obscurity, as concerning
it might conduce something to the delight
of the Readers, for surely no ingenuous
person can be so constantly serious, as surely
and Criticall, but to allow some interually
refreshment not onely as lawfull but ne-
cessarie.

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The Epistle Dedicatory.

Let such morose, yea mischievous spirits pine themselves to walking Anatomies, who brand all resolution of the mind by Ludicrous intermissions to be unlawfull, to spare an heavier censure (which may more resent of anger) the worst I wish them is alwaies to eate their meate without sauce, and let them try whether their palate will be pleased with the gust thereof.

In the following discourse there is nothing presented but sweet Flowers and herbs: I could wish it had been in the summetime, when the heat of the Sunne might have improved their fragrancie to the greatest advantage and rendred them more acceptable to the smell of the Reader: Being now sadly sensible that Autumnne the Vster of winter will abate of their sweetnesse, and presents them much to their loss.

Sure I am no bitter Colloquintida appeareth in this our Herball; I meane no tart and toothed reflections on any. Dull are those witts which cannot make some
smile

The Epitite Dedicatory.

smile, except they make others cry, having no way to work a delight and complacency in the Reader, save onely by gassing, wounding and abusing the credits of others.

It is desired, that this discourse may but finde as much candidnesse as it brings, and be entertained according to his own innocency. I have heard a storie of an enuious man, who had no other way to be revenged of his Neighbour, who abounded with store of Bee-hives, then by poysoning all the Flowers in his owne Garden wherein his Neighbours Bees tooke their constant repast, which infection caused a generall mortality in all the winged cattle of his Neighbour.

I hope none haue so splenetickke a designe against this my barmelesse Treatise, as to increas me my flowers with pestilent and unintended interpretations, as if anything more then flowers were meant in the flowers, or as if they had so deepe a root under ground, that men must mine to understand some concealed and profane my-
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The Epistic Dedicatory.

sterie therein, surely this Mythologie is
Cabinet which needeth no key to unlock it,
the lid or cover lyeth open.

Let me intreate you Sir to put your hand
into this Cabinet, and after therein you
 finde what may please or content you, the
 same will be as much contentment unto
your

True Friend,

J. S.

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To the Worshipfull,
ROGER LE STRANGE
Esquire.

SIR,

AMost learned Dutch writer hath maintained that Birds doe speake and converse one with another: nor doth it follow, that they cannot speake, because wee cannot heare, or that they want language, because we want understanding. Bee this true or false, in Mythologic Birds are allowed to speake, and to teach Men too. We know that a man cannot reade a wiser,

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nor

nor a child a plainer Booke than
Æsops Fables.

These Birds now come to make
their nest under the Bowes and
Branches of your Favour; Bee
you pleased Sir, to extend your
shadow over them, and as they shal
receive succour from you; you
may be assured you shall receive
no hurt from them: And thus Sir,
I wish you all happiness, not
only to converse with Birds in
the lowest Region of the Aire
sometime stiled Heaven, but that
a better and bigger place may bee
reserved for your entertainement.

J. S.

ORNITHO-LOGIE OR THE SPEECH OF BIRDS.

THERE was a *Grove* in *Scicile*, not far from *Siracuse*, wherin the Greek and Latin Poets had made many *Hyperbolall* descriptions. For the Wits in that Country, being *place-bound*, and confined to a narrow Circle of ground, sought to improve the same by their active Wits; whereby they enlarged every *Ditch* into a *Ri-*

ever; every Pond into a Lake, & every Grove into a Forrest, every convenient Hill into a Mountain. In this notion they magnified this Grove, otherwise not above twelve Acres of ground, though well wooded, save that the tyrannical Oaks with their constant dropping, hindred the underwoods from prospering within the compass thereof.

There was the whole Nation of Birds living under the shadow thereof. And the climate being indifferently moderate, and moderately middle; wherein the East, West, North, and South of the World, wherein some kinds compounded,

ded Birds, of all Climates here, made their habitations. Now a Bill of complaint was subsci-
bed (or rather signed) with the numberlesse Claws (in-
stead of hands) of Birds ; con-
taining the many insupporta-
ble Grievances they had en-
dured from the intolerable
cruelty of the *Eagle* ; who ma-
king his own *luf* his Law, had
dominered over all the winged
Nation. The *Eagle* appeared in
answer hereunto; (it being a
generall meeting of all kinds
of birds) and endeavoured to
justify his proceedings, and
clear himself in vain, from their
accusations. The truth is, the
Eagle was overgrown with

Age, for he is generally reported the survivor of all Birds: So that if one would take a Lease of Land on a bird's life, he could not put in a more advantagious name then an Eagle.

But this Eagle had its bill with long age so reflexed back again into his mouth, that hee was so farre from preying on another, that hee could not swallow any Flesh though profered unto him. Soon will the spirits fail where the belly is not fed; in vain did his courage pretend to his wanted valour, when there was nothing within to justifie and make good the offers thereof.

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So that the poor Eagle con-
quered rather with its own
Age then outward violence,
yielded to that to which all
must yield: and was forced pa-
tiently to digest all affronts
offered unto him, and glad so
to escape. For although some
mention was made of killing
him; yet by plurality of suffra-
ges, that *vote* got the mastery
which onely confined him to
a neighbouring wood, on con-
dition that death without
mercy should be his penalty
if exceeding the bounds there-
of.

This done, Proclamation
was made three daies after
that the whole *Species of Birds*
should

should appear for the election
of a *Principall* to command
them. Indeed there were ma-
ny which were altogether a-
gainst any Government, be-
cause they might the more
freely rove and range in their
Affections. These held that all
were free by nature; and that it
was an assault on the Liberty
of man, and a *rape* offered to
his naturall freedom; that any
should assume authority above
another. These maintained
(what certainly was not onely
a paradox, but a flat falsehood)
that nature at the first Creati-
on made all the world a flat le-
vell and *Champion*, and that it
was by the violence of the *De-*

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The Judgment of DURAS.

*Duge or great Flood, which by
the partiall fall or running
thereof, made the inequality,
by sinking some places into
humble *Vallies*, and swelling o-
thers into aspiring *Mountaines*.
Prosecuting which compari-
son, they maintained that all
men were naturally equal; and
that it was the inundation
and influx of humane *Tyranny*
which made this disparity be-
tween them. They also defen-
ded the argument, that as the
world began, so it should with-
the Golden age; and that all
ought to be restored to that
primitive *Liberty* which men
had lost, partly *surrendring* it
by their own folly and calic-
na-*

The speech of Birds.

nature; partly surprised into their own slavery by the cunning and craft of others that practised on their simplicity. But however that these made a great noise, the opposite party prevailed, as having most of strength and reason on their side.

For where all rule, there no rule at all will be: where every man may command, in fine, none will obey, the dictates of his own reason, but be a very *vassall* to his *passion*. Society cannot be twisted together where there is not a subordination and subjection one to another; and where every one is absolute in himself, there is an

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impossibility of any orderly subsistence.

Let the maintainers of the contrary, try with themselves to make a rope of sand ; where each crum therein being independent of it self, hath no tendency to a generall agreement; but enjoyes it self in its own intirenesse.

It being now cast (by generall suffrages) for a Commander over all, that at such a time they should meet : it was also proclaimed that all antipathy should cease between all Birds during their meeting ; because being now in danger of generall ruine, for want of a head all priuate animosity should be bro-

broken off and drowned in a
publique agreement.

According to the Proclama-
tion, they all met together,
and *birds* of all feathers had a
generall *convolancy*. Then the
Estridge began, in a high com-
mendation of himself, how he
was the biggest of all *birds*, and
therefore the fittest to be their
General, as of the greatest abili-
ty to support the weight of the
Maffie affairs of State. The rest
of the *birds* gave him the *bea-*
ring, untill the little *Wren* thus
returned the answer.

It may seeme a very unpro-
portionable combate between
the least and greatest of *birds*
that I should once offer to en-

ter the *lift* with this *Giant*, who frights us all with his greatness. But sure this wise *Senate* never made the bulk of a *body* the standard whereby to measure the perfections of the mind: and therefore I may take to my selfe the confidence to examine the truth of what he hath spoken. His greatnessse is apparent to every eye; but as for any othereminency, it is so secret a quality, that none as yet hath discovered it; For mine own part I conceive him rather *beast* then *bird*, and therefore not properly of our *kind*. I appeal to his *Latin* name; *Struthio-Camelus*; whereon the *Camell* beares away the last

last and best part thereof. And are we put to such a straignt, that we must elect an *Hermophrodite*, a rudiment, which is a measuring case betweene *Beast* and *Fowl*: Doth hee not more trust, unto his *Leggs* to *Flee*, then unto his *Wings* to *flye*, and what I pray is the remarkeable vertue, which commends him to publique notice; hath he any *melodious voice* whereby to charme the attentions of those that hear him: hath he any extraordinary *wit*, in which he appears above others of the same society. What if Foolish women, as light perhaps as the *Feather* they wear, be pleased

to

to advance his Tail above
their heads. What if vainglo-
rious Captaines more known by
their Plumes then their perfor-
mances , deck their crests with
the spoil of his wings: all these
amount not to argue any real
worth in him. Wee live not in
an age to be deluded with
showes, or cheated with sha-
dowes. It is enough that our
Ancestors have suffered for their
folly herein, with their owne
credulity. Reall worth must
be the attractive of our love
and respect : which being here
wanting, I utterly disavow his
Election for our Sovereign.

The rest of the birds con-
curred with the resolution of

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the Wren, highly applauding
it for the same; which durst
speak that which others
thought. They plainly saw
that spirit united in a small
bulk, acts most vigorously: and
the contracted heat in so small
a body prompted the Wren to
such lively expressions which
bigger birds durst not utter.

Next stood forth the Parrot,
insisting largely on it's own
commendation, among the rest
of his dexterous faculty, in imi-
tating the speech of Man,
wherein he exceeded all other
creatures in the world. And see-
ing man was the Sovereign of
all the Creation, he conceived
himself (which approached ne-
cessity) * .

unto him in his happy expressions; deservedly might claim the *Regiment* of all birds.

The *Daw*, generally condemned for its *languor*, took upon him to answer the *Parrot*. Indeed he began with great disadvantage; none expecting any thing of wit or worth from him, because he was so common a *Talker*, therefore conceived his *speech* not worthy their attentions, when defeating their expectations, & deceiving them with a harmless cheat, he thus proceeded.

You have heard the *Parrot* make a large *encomium* of himself, all which must needs be true, because you have heard

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his owne credit to avouch it; otherwise me thinks one might justly take the liberty to examine the ground of what he hath spoken; I will not insist on the alienesse of his extraction; we living here in Syracus whilſt this Parrot fetcheth him Originall from the South of Africk, or East of Asia. Once consider with your ſelves how unſit it is for our free-born ſpirits to submit to a Forrainer, affiue your ſelves, forrain Air will bring in forrain inclinations, hee cannot but promote strangers as his favourites to all places, and preferments of profit and honour, and can they be digested by ſuch as confound

the true spirit of an ingeniouſe Birth; For mine own part, I ſhall rather ſubmit to the ty-
ranny of our own Country, than to the insulting humours
of strangers, as expecting that
although one of our owne
Country may for a time domi-
nate over us; yet the sym-
pathy of blood to thofe of
his own Land, will give a
check, and at laſt gain a Conquere
of his paſſion, that he will re-
turn to a favourable reflextion,
on thofe who by vicinity of
birth and breeding are related
unto him. Now whereas the Parrot
boasteth that he doth ſo ex-
actly imitate the ſpeech of

Man, it affecteth me nowhit at
all with admiration thereof.
I have heard of a speach of A-
lexander, who being invited to
hear a man that sung like the
Nightingale, answered, I scorn
to hear him, for I have heard the
Nightingale it selfe: and who
would admire at the Copie,
when he hath the Original?
I have often heard men them-
selves speak, and therefore am
not a whit moved to heare a
Parrot speak like a man; Let
every thing appear in its owne
shape; Men speak the language
of Men, Birds of Birds. Hypo-
crite is that which hath be-
trayed the world, to a generall
defection, thence to *destruction*,

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when people counterfeit the Tongues and Tones of those from whose Hearts they dissent : how many demure people hath this age brought forth, sadly and soberly dropping forth their words, with much affected deliberation (as if all the hearers were bound thereby to believe them as solid, reserved and discreet in Deeds as in their words) ; when they onely Palliate and cloak a base and unworthy *inside* under the shadow and pretence of an outward fair representation. I therefore must throw my grimes into the Negative scale, and conceive the Parrot utterly unfit for the sovereignty of birds.

After many debates, and the disputes, pro and con, plurality of voices at last pitched on the Hauke, as whose extraction was known to be honorable, valour undoubted, prudence or foresight admirable, as appeared in the quickness of his eyes; being a Promethean indeed, foreseeing all dangers, and his own advantages of great distance. The Hauke returning his full and fair thanks unto them for their free favour, accepted of their proffer, and all their meeting for the present was diminished, only two birds commanded to stay behind, the Phoenix and the Turtle Doye, whom

and the Hawk severally accosted,
beginning with the former.

Sir, or Mistris Phœnix, saith
the Hawk; for I know not in
what Gender to addresse my
language unto you, in whom
both Sexes are jumbled toge-
ther. I desire to be informed
of you, whether that bee a
truth, or a long lived common
Error, of the manner of your
original from the Ashes of your
Ancestor, if it be a truth, I
stand ready with admiration
to embrace and entertaine it:
If an error, I am resolved
Posterity shall no longer bee
deceived therewith. We live
in an Age of Knowledge, the
Beames whereof hayd dispel-
led

led those mists of Error wherewith our Forefathers were cheated into the belief of many impossibilities recommended unto them by Tradition, as if the gray Perriwiggs of Old-age should command so much veneration from us that we should consign up our judgement to the implicit belief of anything which former Ages have related. Deal therefore openly with me, and informe me the truth, whether your Generation be thus by Continuation of a Miracle.

I cannot resolve you herein, saith the Phoenix, of the particulars of my Extraction, which

which happened long before
the register of my memo-
ry: Sure I am there are
no other of my kinde for me
to couple with; which demon-
strates the truth of that which
is generallly received: I con-
fesse men make use of me rather
for a Moral and an Em-
bleme to denote those things
which are rare, and seldom
come to passe. Thus, a Court
Lord who will honestly pay
all his Debts, is accounted a
Phoenix: A Judge who will
not suffer his Conscience to be
robbed by a bribe secretly
proffered unto him, is a Pho-
nix: A Great man who lookes
straight forward to the Pub-
lique

lique good, not bound on either side with his own interest; is a Phœnix: However assume your selfe, that besides the Morality that may be made thereof, I have, as you see, real Existence in Nature, and if any will take the paines to travel into *Arabia* to *Mecbus*, he shall finde my Nest in a Tree hanging there almost as artificially as doth the Tomb of *Mahomet* bribed by an invisible Loadstone into that miraculous posture thereof.

But now, saith the Hawk, suppose I should seise on you this night for my supper, whether doe you thinke that the losse of your life would be

great

great a defect in Nature, that
the whole Universe would fare
the worse for the same?

Undoubtedly it would, saith
the Phoenix, for this is received
for an undoubted Maxime a-
mongst Philosophers, that if
one whole kinde or species of
Creatures be destroyed, the
whole world would be ruined
thereby: For every kinde of
Creatures are so Essential to
the well being thereof, that
if any one of them be utterly
destroyed, all the rest out of
sympathy will decay.

I conceive not, saith the Hawk, that you are such a foundation stone in Natures building, that the taking you away

away will hazard the whole Architecture thereof. However, I am resolved to put it to the tryal, be it but to gain knowledge by the experiment. I know what *Plato* saith, *That those are the happiest Kingdomes wherein either their Kings are Philosophers, or their Philosophers their Kings.* Seeing therefore the History of Nature is so necessary to an accomplished Governor, I who desire all perfections in that kind, will to satisfie my curiositie make proof thereof.

The Phœnix pleaded for her self the benefit of a Proclamation of liberty to all for three dayes to come and goe with safety;

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safety; the Eagle smiling at her silly plea, informing her that such grants are to be kept no farther than they are consistent with the conveniency of those that grant them. Yet for the present the Phœnix was reprieved, because the Hawkes stomach lately gorged, had not as yet recovered his appetite to his supper.

Then the Hawk approached to the Turtle-dove, demanding of her whether it was true or no what passeth for a common truth, that the Turtle if once losing their Mate, never wed more, but passe the remainder of their dolfull dayes in constant widdowhood.

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Most true it is, saith the
Turtle, which I may speake by
my owne sad experience; for
some three years since, the un-
happy shot of a cruel Falkone,
deprived me of my deare Hu-
band, since which time I have
sequestred my selfe from all
company, never appearing in
publique till now, forced
thereunto by command from
Authority.

And surely, I conceive, all
second Marriages little better
than excusable lust, for when
once the heate of youth hath
been abated in one Match,
none can pretend Necessity of
Marrying againe, except it be
for quenching those heates
which

which it they themselves wil-
lingly ande wilfullye kindle.
Besides, when one hath once
really affected a Husband, or
be a Wife, affections so in-
grossed the whole soul, that
notwithstanding his, or her
death, it can never admis a
nother to the same degree of
dearneſſe. Especially if their
love were ſigned and ſealed
all with Issue, as mine was, having
three of both Sexes ſurviving
then ſend them better ſuccesse
than their unhappy Father
had. I ſo much in them me-
thinks I behold my Husband
ill alive. si ſhe therefore that
 hath not the modetey to due
the Relict of man, will
charge

charge through a whole Army cal
of Husbands, if occasion were more
offered, before her love will othe
meet with a full stoppe there and
of.

You are too rigid and so I
vere, saith the Hawk, to make con
your personal temper and pru
vate practice the rule to me no,
sure all other by, unacquainteyng
with the Necessities of otherto
in this kinde. But to come
closer to the matter, I desirr wi
satisfaction in another thing inter
nately, whether you be without
out a Gall as is commonly re
ported.

I know there is a twofold little
knowledge, one by the frumow
and the effects which Scholas you,

Arm call'd *a posterior*, and this is the
wen more fallible & uncertaine, the
will other *a prior* from the Causes,
here and this as more demonstra-
tive may safely be relied on,
d so I will embrace the latter
m course, and to assure my selfe
d p whether you have a Gall or
meno, I meane to make you a li-
ntowing Anatomic, and instantly
thato infect you. Ocular inspe-
ction is the best direction, and
defull will presently pry into your
ing m trails for my better informa-
tion, to see with what curio-
ly shity Nature hath contrived the
things therein, and how many
of little engines there are to
frumove the wheel's of life within
you.

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Then beganne the Eagle to dispose himselfe for Supper, intending the Turtle-dove for the first Course to begin with, and the Phœnix (as the finer flesh) to close his stomach therewith. In preparation wherunto he plumed the Dove of some of her upper Feathers.

Just in the instant as he beganne his prey, who should come in, but he was little expected, and less welcome to the Hawk than the old Eagle, and we must a while dwel upon the cause and manner of his enlargement.

This Eagle was, as aforesaid confined to a Grove, where he

was temperate against his will, as not able to feede on any Fowle. Nature had hung such a Lock upon his Bill, for the Redundancie thereof was such, that hee was capable of no food, save drinke, which hee plentifully powred in; thus for some moneths drinke was all the meate hee tooke, which served to support his life, though not to encrease his strength; yet could he not be a good fellow in his Cups, as being solitary by himselfe, having none to keep him company.

At last hee descryed a shagge Rock, wherein one place white in colour, more sproximant than

than the rest; had a shining
hardnesse therein; to this the
Eagle applyes his Bill, and ne-
ver left off rubbing, grating,
and whetting his Beak there-
on, untill at last bee quite
whetted off the superfluous,
yea hurtfull Excrescencie of
his Bill, which now reduced to
a moderate proportion, was
as usefull to all purposes as e-
ver before. Thus enabled to
get his prey in few weekes, he
recruited his strength, so that
what the Poets tell of *Medea*,
that with her enchanted Baths
made her Father-in-law young
againe, here truly came to
pass: And now the New old
Eagle hearing in what Quar-
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ters the Hawke kept his constant residence, thought on a sudden to have surprised him, had not the other discovered his approach, and made a seasonable escape, whereby both Turtle and Phœnix obtained their liberty, and securely returned unto their owne Nests.

The Hawke having made an escape, posted with all speed to the Lapwinge, which with some difficulty he found out, and privacie being obtained, thus kindly spake unto him.

Friend Lapwing, I have taken notice, that you are one of the most subtile, and politick Bird in all our Common-

wealth ; you have the art so to cover your intentions, that they are not obvious to common eyes, when your Egges or young ones be a mile at distance, you use to flutter with your winges, and fetch your rounds and circles a great way off, as if you intended to brood that place with your wings, or as if that were the Chest wherein your Treasure was deposited ; this makes many people to search there for your young ones, but are frustrated of their hopes ; you have inseured them farre off ; this lawfull Simulation, I conceive a commendable and necessary quality in every great person,

it is as necessary as breath to their well-being: Should men play all above board, and expose their actions to all Spectators, Folly and Wisdome would bee both of a rate. No, it is the hanging of such Curtaines and Traverses before our Deeds which keep up our Reputation, and enable us for great performances. Now I request you help me a little in my extremity, the renewed Eagle is in pursuit of me, and my safety lyeth much at your disposall. The Lapwing promised the utmost of his endeavours, and desired the Hawk to proceed.

See you, saith the Hawk,
yonder

yonder empty Cage of great abo
receipt, so that it might serve flye
for an Aviarie, for which it doo
was first intended, thoughing
since dilused, when the Eagle tha
flying this way enquireth after ged
me, perswade him I am flowne stan
into the Cage, and leave the beh
rest to my performance.

All was acted accordingly, Pad
the Eagle demanded what wan thus
become of the Hawk? the sonc
Lapwing returned, *Here 'tis,* *here 'tis,* and then hovered o· make
ver the Cage, fetching so ma· conde
ny compasses thereabouts, that Tur
one might have mistaken him capt
for some Conjuror, making bout
his many Circles with intent peop
to raise up some spirit there-eyes
abouts:

reat abouts: The Eagle violently
erue flies into the Cage, whose
indoorees stood open, triumph-
ing in his owne happynesse,
gle that now he should be reven-
sterged on his profest Enemy. In-
owne stantly the Hawk (who stood
the behinde unseen in a place of
advantage) claps an Iron
ly, Padlock on the Cage, and
was thus insulteth over the Pri-
soner. I have had you, Hen-
ris, Methinkes, Sir Eagle, you
make mee call to minde the
ma-condition of *Bajazer* the Great
Turk, whom *Tamberlan* tooke
him captive, and carried him a-
bout the Country, that all
people might feed their gazing
eyes upon him; such a spe-
cts: NEW
Eagle

tracle are you this day; I have
now made an Owle of the
Eagle, turned him into the
digious object of laughte
and contempt: Tell me, do
you not want a *Promethens*,
feed upon his fruitfull entrail
as the Poets feigne, which da-
ly increased, and afforded the
Poets Eagle both Common
and Festivals: Sir, your life
shall not bee vented out
once, but you shall dye many
deaths, with long lingeringe
torments: I will order it so
that you shall feele your self
to dye: There is no Music
in an Enemies death, which
is not accompanied with tor-
ment; and though no one
is



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hard torture shall be inflicted
upon you, yet know, that
thirst and hunger shall be your
two Executioners. Now the
Guilty blood of so many
Birds and innocent Lambs,
and hurtlesse Hares shall bee
required of you; and so I
leave you till to morrow,
when I meane to make a new
meal of you in scorn and con-
tempt.

The Eagle sadly, yet stoutly
answering, my courage shall
not abate with my condition;
whose spirit is planted above
the battery of Fortune, & will
never be lesse than my selfe;
what soever befalls me. A Lyon
is no lesse a Lyon, though in a
grate;

grate ; Mischance , may make me miserable, it shall not make me base; *I will beare my troubles with as much chearfulness as I may, I defie thy spleene in triumphing over me.*

After the Hawkes departure, the Ostrich came in the place, whom the Eagle saw unseen , and wishly marked his postures and motions. The Ostrich fell into a strange passion, and would you know the reason thereof, it was as followeth.

Some three dayes since, when hee first repaired to the generall meeting of the Birds, he left his Egges in the sand,

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not covering them over, such
his carelessness and incogitancie ; it was in a Starre-light
night, wherein he took a mark
for the finding of his Egges by
such a Starre, under the di-
rect position whereof he then
hid them, and hoped to finde
them at his returne. It hap-
pened that the Starre being
turned about with the cir-
cumgyration of the heavens,
which continue in constant
motion, the Ostrich lost the
Starre by which hee thought
to find his Egges, and though
very neare the place, wander-
ing up and downe, and could
not light upon it, which made
him breake forth into this
passi-

passionate complaints.

I am the unfortunatest of all Fowles : How will all condemn mee for an unnatural Parent, who have been thus carelesse of mine owne Issue ? Yet I tooke as good notice of the place as I could, all things in Earth are false, and fading, and flitting away . I had thought there had been more faithfulness in the Heavens, more assurance in the Skies. Let never the *Indians*, worship Stars again, when they are guilty of so much deceit.

How comes it to passe, that the Pole-Starre is so perfect a guide and direction to the Mariner, that it may be wear-

med the grand Pilot of all
shippes, by the Elevation, or
Depression whereof, they in-
fallibly collect in the darkest
nights whereabouts they steer.
I say, how comes that Starre
to be so true to its trust, to be
so true a Conductor of wan-
dering Saylors, and this prove
so false to me? And now will
Posterity brand me for unpa-
turalnesse, who have exposed
my Egges to such dangers,
though therein all caution was
used by mee to the height of
my discretion. More would
shee have spoken when griefe
silenced her; for as those Ri-
vers are shallow which make a
noyse, whilst the deepest

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streames are tongue-tyed ;
those passions which vew
themselves in words, discouer
their bottome of no greate
depth,

Meane time the Eagle look-
ed through the species, or en-
tervalls in the Cage, and
excellent the sight thercof
he easilie discerned where the
Egges lay, the Ostrich being
so near, that he almost crushed
them with his own feet, where-
fore calling the Ostrich unto
him, I am glad, saith he, that
in my misery I have the occa-
sion to oblige any ; I can tell
you where the Treasure is tha-
t you seek for, and presently di-
rected him to the same.

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The Ostrich was not so
enjoyed with its own happy-
nesse, but that he bethought
himself how to returne pro-
portionable thankes to the
Eagle, in order whereupon he
set his Bill against the Iron
Padlock of the Cage, and
according to the voraciousness
of his stomache quite devoured
the same.

Let privy Councillors of
Nature enter into this deep
Discourse, how it is possible
for such a solid, and substantial
thing as Iron, to become
food to a Fowle, let them, and
say, beat their braines about
this Question harder than
Iron, and if they find the true
reason

reason thereof, I shall preferre
their Ingenuity as stronger
than the stomach of an O.
strich; meane time we will be
content to rest in the vulgar
report, and are satisfied to ad-
mire what we cannot under-
stand in such cases wherein
surely there are some hidden,
and occult qualities, too deep
for men to dive into, and these
betray a surly and base dispo-
sition, which will believe
nothing (though Authentici-
cally attested by never so ma-
ny witnesses) whicr of they are
unable to render the true rea-
son, as if Nature could doe
nothing but what shee gives
them an account of how shee
doth it.

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The Beggar thinkest or edis
liberty, returned them ty danks
to the Offrich. Now see, saith
he, there is no living in this
world without bartering i and
exchanging of Cuitesies vnto
another; he that lendeth to
day may borrow to morrow,
how happy would Mankind be,
if the Walls of Envy
were pluckt downe betwixt
them, and their parts so layd
in Common, that the wealthe
of one might supply the wailes
of another. Nature hath in-
riched me with a quick Sighted-
nesse with a strong Digestion,
I have restored thy Eggges to
thee, you have restored me to
my selfe, liberty being the life

of life; and this I thought fit to
atifie unto thee, though hot
in the pursuit of my Enemy;
first to thank thee, then
punish him; I will not bee
guilty of so preposterous a
Soul, that my Revenge shall
get the speeche of my Grati-
tude.

This done, the Eagle in
full Quest of the Hawke, dis-
covereth a company of Birds
together, being a great party
whom the Peacock had assem-
bled, with hope to intice
them to choose him their
Chief; for the Hawke no-
where appearing, and the en-
largement of the Eagle being
unknown, he then condavou-

red by his Rhotboricall flou-
ishes to make himself popular
in their affections.

I am not ignorant, that
such men proclaim their own
weaknesse, who are the He-
eld of their owne praise; it
argueth a great dearth of de-
lert, and want of worth, when
one is large in his own com-
mendation, however sometimes
necessity makes it law-
full, especially when what is
spoken is so generally known,
that it commandeth the way
to its own beliefe, and carrieth
the credit about it, give me
leave to present my person
and merits to your considera-
tion; my bulke not so great

as the Ostrich like to bee a burden to it selfe, yet not so little as any way to invite neglect: A good presence is requisite in a Commander, otherwise great parts crowded in a despicable person, do whit becomes one in Authority. I will give you but one argument, or demonstration rather of my Worth: When the Gods had the free choice of all the Birds which they would please to make their Attendants in ordinary, and when Jove made choice of the Eagle, as most Emperiall, Juno, his Consort, was pleased to elect me, to be called by the name of her Bird in all pass-

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ges of Poetry. Thus am I
next to the best, and but
one steppe removed from the
Top, even by those infallible
judgements.

Looke, I pray, upon my
Traine, how it is Circular,
the most capable Forme, and
how it is distinguished with
variety of Colours, which ap-
peareth as so many earthly
Rainbowes in my Feathers.
Ovid hath reported, that Argus
his hundred eyes were tur-
ned into them. But know you,
if you please to elect me to
be your Chief, that all those
eyes shall daily and hourly
watch & ward for your good,
I will have a constant over-
sight

Right of your welfare. 10

It was conceived, that the Peacock intended a longer Oration, which would have wearied the assembly with the Prolixity thereof, had he not easi-
ally, but happily cast down his eyes on his black legs, the ugly
hew thereof so abated his Pride,
that it put a period to his Harangue before his intent, and
others expectation. Now as
the Vulture was tuning his
tongue to return an answer, in
cometh the Eagle, and is gene-
rally received with all joyfull
acclamations.

Now because Clemencie is
the badge of a generous na-
ture, so much as ever I have,

ture, and those that have most courage have least cruelty, at the mediation of some potent Birds, the Eagle condescended, that the day of his Re-inauguration should not be stained with blood, and therefore granted life to the Hawk, but on condition, not to exceed the Grove in which formerly himself was imprisoned.

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ANTHEOLOGIA,
OR
The Speech of Flowers.

There was a place in
Theffaly (and I am
sorry to say there was
a place in Theffaly, for though
the place be there still, yet it is
not it selfe. The *bones* thereof
remaine, not the *Flesh* and
Colour. The standards of *Hilles*
and *Rivers*; not the Ornaments
of *Woods*, *Bowers*, *Groves* and
Banqueting-housas. These long

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since are defaced by the *Turkes*,
whose barbarous natures wage
warre with civility it selfe, and
take a delight to make a *Wil-*
dernesse where before their con-
quest they found a *Paradise*.)

This place is some five miles
in length , and though the
breadth bee Corrivall with
the length to equallize the
same, and may so seeme at the
first sight ; yet it falleth short
upon exact examination ,
as extending but to four
miles. This place was by the
Poets called *Tempe*, as the
bridgement of Earthly happiness,
shewing that in short band, cloath
which the whole world presenning

ted in a larger chara~~ct~~er, no earthly pleasure was elsewhere afforded, but here it might be found in the height thereof.

Within this Circuit of ground, there is still extant, by the rare preservation of the owner, a small Scantlin of some three Acres, which I might call the Tempe of Tempe, and re-epitomiz'd the delicacies of all the rest. It was divided into a Garden, in the upper Part whereof were Flowers did grow, in the lower, the Herbs, and those of all sorts and kinds. And now in Spring time earth did put on her new and cloathes, though had some un-
seen-
ing Herald beheld the same;

he would have condemned her
Coate to have been of no antient
bearing, it was so overcharged
with variety of Colours.

For there was yellow Mari-
golds, Wallflowers, Anticlavess,
Gold knobs, and abundance of
other namelesse Flowers, which
would pose a Nomenclator to
call them by their distinct de-
nominations. There was White,
the Dayes Eye, white roses, Lil-
yses, &c. Blew, Violet, Irisse, Red
Roses, Pionies, &c. The whole
field was vert or greene, and all
colours were present save sable,
as too sad and dolefull for so
merry a meeting. All the Chil-
dren of Flora being summone-

there, to make their appearance at a great solemnity.

Nor was the lower part of the ground lesse stored with herbs, and those so various, that if Gerard himselfe had bin in the place, upon the beholding thereof, he must have been forced to a re-edition of his *Herball*, to adde the recruit of those *Plants*, which formerly were unseen by him, or unknown unto him.

In this solemn Rendezvous of *Flowers* and *Herbs*, the *Rose* stood forth, and made an Oration to this effect.

It is not unknowne to you, how I haue the precedency of

all Flowers, confirmed unto me
under the Parent of a double
Sense, Sight, smell. What more
curious Colours? how do all
Dites blush when they behold
my blushing, as conscious to
themselves, that their Art can-
not imitate that tincture, which
Nature hath stamped upon me.
Smell, it is not lusciously offen-
sive, nor dangerously faint, but
comforteth with a delight, and
delighteth with the comfort
thereof? Yea, when Dead, I am
more Sovereigne then Living?
What Cordials are made of my
Syrups? how many corrupted
Lungs (those Fans of Nature)
sore walked with consumption,
I.e. that

that they seem utterly unable
any longer to cool the heat of
the Heart, with their *ventilati-*
on, are with *Conserve*s made of
my stamped *Leaves*, restored to
their former soundnesse againe:
More would I say in mine own
cause, but that happily I may
be taxed of pride, and selfe-fla-
ttery, who speak much in mine
own behalfe, & therefore I leave
the rest to the judgment of such
as hear me, and passe from this
discourse to my just *complaint*.

There is lately a *Flower* (shal-
le call it so?) in courtie I will
tearne it so, though it deserve
not the appellation) a *Toole*,
which hath ingraffed the love

and affections of most people unto it; and what is this *Tooleip?* a wellcomplexion'd stink, an ill favour wrapt up in pleasant colours: As for the use thereof in *Physick*, no *Physitian* hath honoured it yet with the mention, nor with a *Greek*, or *Latin* name, so inconsiderable hath it hitherto been accompted; and yet this is that which filleth all Gardens, hundred of pounds being given for the root thereof, whilst I the *Rose*, am neglected and contemned, and conceived beneath the honour of noble hands, and fit only to grow in the gardens of Yeomen. I trust the remainder to your

apprehensions, to make out
that, which grief for such un-
deserved injuries will not suffer
me to express.

Hereat the Rose wept, and
the dropping of her white tears
down her red cheeks, so well
becomed her, that if ever sor-
row was lovely, it then appear-
ed so, which moved the behol-
ders to much compassion, her
Tears speaking more then her
tongue, in her own behalfe.

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lently, as rather challenging
then craving respect from the
Common-wealth of Flowers there-
present, & thus vaunted it selfe.

I am not solicitous what to

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returne to the complaint of this *Rose*, whose own demerit hath justly outed it self of that respect, which the mistaken world formerly bestowed upon it, and which mens eyes, now opened, justly reassume , and confesse on those who better deserve the same. To say that I am not more worthy then the *Rose*, what is it , but to condemne mankind, and to arraign the most *Gentle* and knowing among men of ignorance , for misplacing their affections : Surely *Vegetables* must not presume to mount above *Ratiomable* creatures, or to think that men are not the most competent

tent judges of the worth and
valew of *Flowers*. I confess
there is yet no known sovereign
virtue in my leaves; but it is
injurious to inferre that I have
none, because as yet not taken
notice of. If we should exa-
mine all, by their intrinsick va-
lews, how many contemptible
things in Nature would take
the upper-hand of those which
are most valued; by this argu-
ment a *Flint-stone* would be
better then a *Diamond*, as con-
taining that spark of fire there-
in, whence men with combu-
stible matter may heat them-
selves in the coldest season: and
dear it is, that the *Load-stone*,
which

(that grand Pilot to the North, which findeth the way there in the darkest night) is to be preferred before the most orient Pearle in the world: But they will generally be condemned for unwise, who prize things according to this proportion.

Seeing therefore in stones and minerals, that those things are not most valued, which have most vertue, but that men according to their eyes and fancies raise the reputation thereof; let it not be interpreted to my disadvantage, that I am not eminently known for any cordiall operation; perchance the discovery hereof is reserved for the

the next age, to find out the latent virtue which lurketh in me: And this I am confident of, that *Nature* would never have hung out so gorgious a signe, if some guest of quality had not been lodged therein; surely my leaves, had never been feathered with such variety of colours, (which hath proclaimed me the King of all Lillies) had not some strange vertue, whereof the world is yet ignorant, been treasured up therein.

As for the Rose, let her thank her selfe, if she be sensible of any decay in esteem, I have not ambitiously affected superiority above her, nor have I fraudulent-
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ly endeavoured to supplant her; only I should have been wanting to my selfe, had I refused those favours from *Ladies*, which their importunity hath pressed upon me: And may the *Rose* remember, how the out of causelesse jealousie, maketh all hands to be her enemies that gather her; what need is there that she should garrison her selfe within her prickles? why must she set so many Thornes to lye constant *perdue*, that none must gather her, but such as suddenly surprize her, and do not all that crop her, run the hazard of hurting their fingers: This is that which hath weaned the world

world from her love, whilst my smooth stalk exposing Ladies to no such perills, hath made them by exchange to fix their removed affections upon me.

At this stood up the *Violet*, and all prepared themselves with respectfull attention, honouring the *Violet* for the Age thereof, for the *Prim Rose* alone excepted, it is *Seignior* to all the Flowers in the year, and was highly regarded for the reputation of the experience thereof that durst encounter the cold, and had past many bitter blasts, whereby it had gained much wisome, and had procured a venerable respect, both to his person and Counsell. The

The case (saith the *Violet*) is
not of particular concernment,
but extendeth it selfe to the
life and liberty of all the socie-
ty of *Flowers*; the complaint
of the *Rose* we must allacknow-
ledge to be just and true, and
ever since I could remember,
we have paid the *Rose* a just tri-
bute of Fealty as our Prime and
principall. As for this *Tulip*, it
hath not beene in being in our
Garden above these sixty years;
Our Fathers never knew that
such a *Flower* would be, and
perhaps our children may ne-
ver know it ever was; what
traveller brought it hither,
I know not; they say it is of a
Syrian

Syrian extraction, but sure there it grew wild in the open fields, and is not beheld otherwise, then a gentler sort of weed: But we may observe that all-forraign wifes are made verines in this countrey, forraign drunkennesse is Grecian Minib (thence the proverb, *The merry Greek*) forraign pride, Grecian good behaviour, forraign lust, Grecian love, forraign lezinessse, Grecian harmelissesse; forraign weeds, Grecian Flowers. My judgement therefore is, that if we do not speedily eradiccate this intruder (this Tooleip) in proper, esse of time will ouer us all of our just possessions, seeing no
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Flowers can preſend, a cleſter
tis leſſe then the Rose bath; and
Iſt his cryſtall make the calce
to be hiſ ownſ. . 100
The gravity of the Violets ſo
prevailed with the Senate of
Elmores, that all concurred
with hiſ judgment, being all
ſuch who had not the faculty of
the fluent exiſte of their tongues
to expreſſe themſelves in large
Orationes, thought that the
well managing of a year or two
ſpoke them as well, wiſhing to
the generall good, ſo the ex-
preſſing themſelves in large
Harangues, and thicſe ſoberly
concluded, so that the Teſtament
should be ſorrected out of the
Garden nob.

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Garden, and cast on the dung
hill, as one who had just by in-
vaded a place not due to him
no day, and this accordingly was
performed. his instructions were

Whilst this was passing in
the upper house of the Floures,
no less were the transactions
in the lower house of the herbes;
where there was a generall ex-
clamation against Holme, and
the generall condeyning it;
as fitter to grow in a cloch, then
in a Garden. Wombe would hardly
have leave to make its own
defence; pleading in this maner
of his upshot its innocency. q. v. c. 10.
He woulde gladly know, whom
they have offended in this com-
plaint.

30. *Apologetick*, or
mon-wealth of Herbs; that
there should be so generall a
conspiracy against me? only
two things can be charged on
me, *commonnesse* and *bitternesse*:
if commonnesse pass for my fault,
you may arraign Nature ip self;
and condemn the best Jewels
thereof; the light of the Sun,
the bosome of the Ayre, the com-
munity of the Water; are not
these staple commodities of
mankind, without which no
being or substance? if there-
fore it be my charity to stoop
so low, as to tender my self
to every place for the publique
service, shall that [for] which I
deserve, if not praise, I needing
none. pardon

pardon, be charged upon me no
sin offence. As to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~next~~ ^{next} offence
As for my *bitternesse*, it is not a
malitious & mischievous *bitter-*
nesse to do hurt, but a helpfull &
medicinall *bitternesse*, whereby
many cures are effected. How
many have surfeited on honey? how
many have digg'd their gravis
in a *Sugar-loaf*? how many
diseases have been caused by
the *dulcord* of many luscious
sweet-meats? then am I sent for
Physitian to these patients, and
wish my brother *Cardus* (whom
you behold with a loving eye, I
speak not this to endanger him,
but to defend my self) restore
them (if temperate in any dou-
ble)

gree; and persuaded by their
friends to taste of us.) unto their
former health. I say no more,
but were all my patients now
my pleaders, were all those who
have gained health by me, present
to intercede for me, I doubt not
but to be reinstated in your
good opinions.

True it is, I am condemned
for over hot, and too passionate
in my operations, but are not
the best natures subject to this
distemper? is it not observed
that the most witty are the
most choleric? a little over-
doing is pardonable; I will not
say necessary) in this kind; nor
let me be condemned as destruc-
tive

give to the world, Having such good opening, and abſtergent qualities, that moderately taken, especially in a Morning, I am both Food and Physick for a forenoon.

It is ſtrange to fee how paffion and ſelfe-interest Way in many things, more then the justice and merit of a cause; It was ve- rily expected that Worm-wood would have been acquitted, and re-admitted a member in the So- ciety of Herbs: But what will not a Faction carry; Worme-woods friends were caſually absent that very day, making merry at an entertainment, her enemies (let not that Sex be angry for C 4 making

making *Wormwood* feminine, appeared in a full body, and made so great a noise, as if some months had two tongues in them, and though some engag'd very zealously in *Wormwood's* defence, yet over-charged with the Tyranny of Number, it was carryed in the Negative, that *Wormwood*, alias *absinthium*, should be pluckt up root and branch from the *Garden*; and thrown upon the *Dunghill*, which was done accordingly, where it had the wofull society of the *Toolip*, in this happy, that being equally miserable, they might be a comfort the one to the other, and spent many howers

bowers in mutual recounting their several calamities, thinking each to exceed the other in the relation thereof.

Let us now amidst much sadness interweave something of more mirth and pleasantness in the Garden. There were two Roses growing upon one Bush, the one pale and wan with age, ready to drop off, as usefull only for a Still; the other a young Bud, newly loosened from its green swaddling cloaths, and peeping on the rising Sun, it seem'd by its orient colour to be dead by the reflection thereof.

Of these, the aged Rose began two enim no boos
-mij Sister

Sister Bad, learn well by my
woe, and cheaply enjoy the art
and full benefit of that purchase
which cost me dear and bitter
experience? Once I was like
your selfe, young and pretty,
straitly lated in my green Girdle,
not swoln to that breadth and
corpulency which now you be-
hold in me, every hand which
passed by me courted me; and
persons of all sorts were ambi-
tious to gather me. How many
fair fingers of curious Ladies
tended themselves to remove
me from the place of my abode;
but in those daies I was coy, &
to tell you plainly foolish, I
stood on mine own defences;

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summoned my de-^rguard about me, commanded every prickle as so many Halberdiers, to stand to their Armes; desir those that durst touch me, protected by myselfe a viceroy of constant virginity; frightened hereat passengers desisted from their intentions to stop me, and left me to en- joy the full & humours of my own reservednesse. ¶ I call it on
Afterwards other Sun-beams wrought powerfully upon me, (especially about noon-tide) on this my present countenanceth O- night colour which blushed so beautifull in me at the first, was much abated, with an over-mixture of *rustenes* and *palenes* therewith

therewirth, so that the Green or
white sicknesse rather, the com-
mon pennance for over-kept
virginity, began to infect me,
and that fragrant sent of mint,
began to remit and lessen the
sweetnesse thereof, and I daily
decayed in my naturall pen-
sime; thus seeing I daily lessened
in the repute of all eyes and
nostrills, I began too late to re-
pent my selfe of my former
frowardnesse, and sought that
my diligence by an after-game,
should recover what my folly
had lost; I pranked up my selfe
to my best advantage, summon-
ed all my sweetnesse to appear
in the height thereof, certain-

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at my decayed Colour, by blushing for my own folly, and wou'd every hand that passed by me, to remove me.

I confess in some sort it often trap to a Maiden modesty, if forgetting their sex, they that should be all Eyes, turn mouthes, they that should expect, offer; when we women, who only should be the passive Counterparts of Love, and receive impression from others, boldly presume to stamp them on others, and by an inverted method of nature, thus plead unto men, and wou'd them for their affection. For all this there is but one excuse, and that

that is absolute necessity, which
as it breaks through stone-
walls, so to wonder if in this
case it alters and transposes the
Sexte, making women to do it
in case of extremity, when they
are wading to rend by their
affection unto them, howl and
All was but in vain; I was
constrained with scorne, and
ouglede, the blouded hands of
duly Labours, abrumpt with
continually wounding their black
hands of Moyses, which alwaies
carry, Night in the day, Flamen,
slighted, and contumelious;
yea, now behold my last hope
is but to deck and stow shoul-
ders, and no be laid as a proprie-
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in windowes, till at last I die in
the Hospital of some still, where
when useles for any thing else,
we are generally admitted.
And now my yonge leves begin
to leape me, and I to be das-
tered, and forsaken of my selfe.

O how happy are the flow-
ers, who are preferred in their
youth, to be waste in the
hands and breasts of faire Lad-
ies, who are joyned together
with other flowers of severall
kinds in a Rose, where the gen-
tall result of sweetnesse from
them all, ravisheth the Senses
an intermixture of yarious co-
lours, all united by their stalkes
within the same bosome that bind-

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Anthologia; or
With them together; w^t obniw n
Therefore Sister Bud grow
wife by my folly; and know it
is far greater happiness to lose
thy Virginity in a good hand,
than to wither on the stalk
whereon thou growest; accept
of thy first and best tender, lest
afterwards in vain thou court
est the reversion of fragments
of that feast of love, which first
was freely rendered unto thee.

Unleavē we them in their dis
course, and proceed to the re
lation of the *Toolip* and *Worm*
w^t odd, now in a most pitifull
condition; as they were lying
on the *Dunghill*; behold a *w^t w^t*
Giant Boar comes unto them;
s^t r^t that

that which Hercules was said to kill, and which was accounted by some the foreman of the jury of his Labours, was but a Pygmy; or rather but a Pig, in comparison of this; and with this Tusk wherewith Nature had armed him to be his sword as his Shoulders are his shield, he began to rend and tear the Foolip and Wormewood, who exclaimed unto him as followeth.

SIR you will not be surprised to hear Pitty useth alwhies to be an attendant of a generous mind, & valiant spirit, for which I have heard you much commended. Cruelty is commonly observed to keep company with Coward-
old and D linefse,

Anteologis, or
Limeſſe, and base minds, to tri-
umph in cruel actions, behold
we are the objects rather of
your pity, whose miseries
may rather render unto the
commiseration of any that just-
ly consider our case. At the Two-
hundred and a ſection of flowers, now
cared of the Garden, where I
have as good a right and title
to abide as any other, and the
Wormewood; notwithstanding
her just and long plea, howe the
full and cordiall she was, was by
a conspiracy of Herbs excluded
the Garden, and both of us igno-
rantly confined to this
place, where we must without
all hopes quickly expire. Our
humble

complaint

humble request unto you is not
to shorten those few minutes
of our lives which are left unto
us; seeing such preface was
done to our visits (when our
roots were mangled by that
cruel eradication) that there is
an impossibility of our long
continuance. Let us therefore
fairly breath out our last
breath, and anticipate not our
misery; but let us have the fa-
vour of a quiet cloſed and com-
municable chamber; ergo in this
But if so be that you are af-
fected with the destruction of
trees and herbs, know the
miserie and torment therein
must be far greater to root out
those

those which are fairly flourishing
in their prime, whereof plenty
are in this *Garden* afforded, and
if it please you to follow our
directions, we will make you
Master of a Passe; which without
any difficulty shall convey
you into the *Garden*, for though
the same on all sides almost is
either malled or paled about, yet
in one place it is fenced with a
Hedge only, wherein, through
the neglect of the *Gardiner*
(whose care it ought to be) to
secure the same; there is a hole
left in such capacity, as will
yield you an easie entrance
therewinto: There may you glut
your selfe, and satiate your
soulc

soule with variety of Flowers
and herbs, so that an Empire
might have cause to complain
of the plenty thereof.

The Boar apprehends the motion, is sensible it was advantageous for him, and following their directions, he makes himself Master of his owne desire. O the spitefulness of some Natures! how do they wreck their anger on all persons? It was revenge for the Tulip and Wormwood, unless they had spitefully wronged the whole Corporation of Flowers, out of which they were ejected as useless and dangerous Members. And now consider how these

two pride themselves in their own vindicative thoughts? how do they in their foreunning fancy antideate the death of all Herbs and Flowers. What is sweeter then revenge? how do they please themselves to see what are hot & cold in the first, second, third, and fourth degree, (which borders on poison) how all these different in them severall Tempers, will be made friendly in universall misery, and compounded in a gentall destruction. Little did either Elmer or Hender think of the Boars approaching, who wurd solacing themselves twith merry and pleasant

pleasant discourse; and it will not be amiss to deceive time, by inserting the Courtship of Thrift, a flower-Herb, unto the Mary-gold, thus accosting her, just as the Boar entered into the Gar-den.

Mistresse, Of all Flowers that grow on Earth, give me leavc to profess my sincerest affecti ons to you: Complements have so infected mens tongues, and grown an Epidemicall fault, or as others esteem it, a fashionable accomplishment, that we know not when they speak truth, having made dissembling their language, by a constant usage thereof. But believe me Mistres

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my heart never entertained any other interpreter then my Tongue; and if there be a veine (which Anatomists have generally avouched, carrying intelligence from the heart to the lips) assure your selfe that vein acts now in my discourse.

I have taken signall notice of your accomplishments, and among many other rare qualities, particularly of this, your loyalty and faithfulness to the Sun, Sovereign to all Vegetables, to whose warming Beams, we owe our being and increase: such your love therunto, that you attend his rising, and therewith open, and at his setting shut your

your windwes. True it is, that *Heliotropium* (or turner with the Sun) hath a long time been adtributed to the Sun-flower; a voluminous Giantlike Flower, of no vertue or worth as yet discoyred therein, but we all know the many and Sovereign vertues in your leaves, the Herb generall in all pottage: Nor do you as *Herb John* stand newter; and as too many now adwaies in our Commonwealth doj neither good nor ill (expecting to be acted on by the imprecision of the prevalient party) and other wise warily engaginge themselves; but you really appear sovereign and operative in your whole-

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wholesome effects: The consideration hereof, and no other by reflection, hath moved me to the tender of my affections, which if it be candidly resented, as it is sincerely offered, I doubt not but it may conduce to the mutuall happiness of us both.

Besides know (though I am the unproperest person to trumpet forth my owne praise) my name is Thrift, and my nature answereth thereunto; I doe not prodigally wast those Lands in a moment, which the industry and frugality of my Ancestors hath in a long time advanced; I am no gamiter to shake away with a quaking hand, what a
slow more

more fixed hand did gaine and
acquiste. I am none of those
who in variety of cloaths, bury
my quick estate as in a winding
sheet; nor am I one of those
who by cheats and deceits im-
prive my selfe on the losses of
others; no *Widowers* have wept,
no *Orphans* have cryed for what
I have offered unto them (this
is not *Thrift*, but rather *Felony*)
nor owe I any thing to my own
body; I feare not to be arrested
upon the actes of my own car-
casse, as if my creditors should
cunningly compact therewith,
and quit scot, resigning
their Bill and Bond unto my
own body, whilst that in re-
quitall

quitall surrendereth all obligations for food and cloaths therunto: Nor do I undertake to buy out Bonds in controversies for almost nothing, that so running a small hazard, I may gain great advantage, if my bargain therein prove successfull. Now I am plain and honest Thrift, which none ever did, or will speak against, save such prodigall spend-thrifts, who in their reduced thoughts, will speak more against themselves.

And now it is in your power to accept or refuse what I have offered, which is the privilege which nature hath allotted for your feminine sex, which we men
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perchance may grudge and red
pine at, but it being past our
power to amend it, we must
permit ourselves as well as we
may to the constant custom
prevailing herein.

The Marigold demurely hung
down her head, as not over
fond of the motion, and kept
silence so long as it might stand
with the rule of manners, but at
last brake forth into the follo
wing return.

I am tempted to have a good
opinion of myself, to which
all people are prone; and we
women most of all, if we may
believe young ones of us, which
honest I am afraid are too true.

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But

But Sir, I conceive my selfe too
wile to be deceived by your
commendations of me; especi-
ally in so large a way, and on
so generall an account of that
other Flowers not only share
with me, but exceed me there-
in; May not the Daisies not
only be *corriwall* with me, but
superior to me in that quality,
whereln so much you praise me;
my vigilancy starteth only from
the Sun rising, hers beares vistre
fro the downing of the morning,
& out-runs my speed by many
degrees: my wits in postage
which you so highly commend
impute it not to my Modestie,
but to my Guiltiness, if I cannot
give

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give it entertainment; for how many hundred Herbs which you have neglected exceed me therein?

But the plain truth is, you love not me for my selfe, but for your advantage. It is Gold on the ~~ear~~ of my name which maketh *Ibris* to be my Suitor so hyssten, and how unworthily have you tendered your affections, even to *Penny-royall*, it selfe, had she not scorned to be courted by you.

But I commend the Girle that she knew her own worth, though it was but a *penny*, yet it is a *Royall one*, and therefore not a fit match for every base

Suitor.

Sister, but know how to value
her selfe; and give me leave to
tell you, that Matches founded
on Covetousnesse never succeed.
Profit is the Load-stone of your
affections, Wealth, the attracter
of your Love, Money the moover
of your desire y how many hum-
dred have engag'd themselves
in these principles, and after-
wards have bewailed them
sorely for the same? But in the
uncertainty of wealth? How
unable is it to expleace & sati-
fy the mind of man: Such as cast
Anchors thereat, yeldome find
fast ground, but are toss'd about
with the Tempests of many Ni-
Starbarks; these Waves for con-
tinue

VERGIL

ognition of profit and pleasure
(when there hath been no fur-
ther nor higher intent) I have
filled all the world with mis-
chief and misery. Know then Sir,
I return you a flat *deniell*, a shal-
lott that vertually contains ma-
ny, yea as many as ever I shall be
able to pronounce: My tongue
knowes no other language to
you but *No*; score it upon wo-
men's dissimulation (whereof
we are also guilty, and at o-
ther times as faulty as any); but
Sir, regard my eyes, my face, and
compound all together, and
know these are the expressions
dictated from my heart; I shall
embrace a thousand deaths

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sooner, then you to Marriage.
Bedouin did die to day
thus were they harmlessly
discourising, and scolded not ill,
when on a sudden they were
surprized with the unlookt
sight of the Boar, which had
entered their Garden following
his prescribed directions, and
armed with the Corselet of his
Brigles, vannished like a trium-
phant Conqueror round about
the Garden, among who would
first make them suffer in their
heat, before in their seeing; how good
did he please himself in the
variety of the forms of other
flowers, to see how some pale
ones looked white, and some red
ones,

one's looked pale ; leaving it to Philosophers to dispute and decide the different effects should proceed from the same causes ; and among all Philosophers, commending the question to the Stoicks, who because they pretend an Antipathy, that they themselves would never be angry, never be mounted above the modell of a common usuall Temper, are most competent Judges, impartially to give the their reason of the causes of the anger of others.

And now it is strange to see that he severall waits the Flowers embraced to provide for their ownne security ; there is no such one among them.

Teacher as extremity; necessary
hath found out more Arts, then
ever Ingenuity invented: The
Wall-Gillyflower ran up to the
top of the Wall of the Garden,
where it hath grown it ever since,
and will never descend till it
hath good security for its own
Safety; and being mounted
thereon, he entreated the
Boar with the following dis-
course.

Thou basest and unworthiest
of four-footed Beasts; thy Mother
the *Sow*, passeth for the most
contemptible name, that can be
fixed on any *She*: Yea, *Pliny*
reporteth, that a *Sow* growing
old, useth to feed on her owne

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young,

young; and herein I believe that Pliny, who otherwise might be straitned for *fellow-witnesses*, might find such who will attest the truth of what he hath spoken. Mens Excrements is thy clement, and what more cleanly creatures do scorn and detest, makes a feast for thee; nothing comes amisse unto thy mouth, and we know the proverb what can make a pan-cake unto thee: Now you are gotten into the *Garden* (shame light on that negligent *Gardner*, whose care it was to fence the same, by whose negligence and oversight, you have gotten an entrance into this *Academy* of *Flowers* and

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Herbs) let me who am your ene-
nie give you some Counsell, and
neglect it not, because it comes
from my Mouth. You see I am
without the reach of your An-
ger, and all your power cannot
hurt me, except you be pleased
to borrow wings from some
Bird, thereby to advantage
your selfe, to reach my habita-
tion.

My Counsell therefore to
you is this, be not *Proud* be-
cause you are *Prosperous*; who
would ever have thought, that
you could have entered this
place, which we conceived was
impregnable against any of
your kind: Now because you

the spreading of your name; you have had successes so farre above our expectation; as your deserts; show your owne moderation in the usage thereof; to Marry who is easie, to Marry your selfe is difficult. Attempt therefore that which as it is most hard to performe, so will it bring greatest honour to you when executed; and know, I speake not this in relation to my selfe (sufficiencie
ly privileged from your tasks) but as acted with a public
lique spirit, for the good of the
Community of Flowers; and if any
thing hereafter betide you, ou
ther then you expect, you will
remember that I am a Prophet,
and foretell that which cometh.

you will credit and believe
The Boar heard the words,
and entertained them with a
sulky silence; as conceiving him-
self to be mounted above dan-
ger, sometimes he pitied the
folliness of the *Wall-flower*, that
pitied him, and sometimes he
vowed revenge, concluding
that the *stones* of the *Wall*
would not afford it sufficient
moisture, for its constant dwel-
ling there, but that he should
take it for an advantage, when
it descended, for more sus-
tance, by oblique strokes to dash
it. It is hard to express the pa-
nic fear in the rest of the
flowers, and especially the small
now.

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Brim-rofes, begged of their Mo-
ther that they might retreat in
to the middle of them, which
would only make them grow
bigger and broader, and it
would grieve a pittifull heart
to hear the child plead, and the
mother so often deny.

The Child began to dear Mother,
she is but halfe a Mother that
doth breed and not preserve, on-
ly to bring forth, and then to ex-
pose us to worldly misery, lessone
your Loves, and doubles your
sufferings : See how this tyran-
nicall Boare threatens our inst-
ant hundoing ; I desire only at
Sandmire in your busome, I am no
treating place into your bresf,

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and who fitter to come into
you, then she that came out of
you; whether should we return,
then from whence we came, it
will be but one happiness, or
one misfortune, together we
shall die, or together be pre-
served, only some content and
comfort will be unto me, either
to be happy, or unhappy in
your company.

The broader Primrose heark-
ned unto these words with a
sad countenance, as sensible in
herselfe, that had not the pre-
sent necessity hardened her af-
fections, she neither would nor
could returne a deaf eare to so
equall a motion. But now she
rejoyned.

Dear

Dear Child, none can be more sensible than my self of Most
therly affection, it troubles me I
mord for me to deny thee, then
for thee to be denied; I loves
thy safety where it is not ne-
cessarily included in my dan-
ger, the entertaining of thee
will be my ruine and destruc-
tion; how many Parents in this
age have been madone miserly
for affording house and home
to such Children, whose con-
dition might be querellid with
as exposed to exception.

I am sure of mine own inno-
cencey, which never in the least
degree have offendid this Eliz, and
therefore hope he will not
offend

Anticlogia; or
offend me; what wrong and in-
jury you have done him is best
known to your selfe; stand
therefore on your own bot-
tome, maintain your own inno-
cence; for my part I am resol-
ved not to be drowned for o-
thers hanging on me, but I will
try as long as I can the strength
of my own armes and leggs;
excuse me good child, it is not
hatred to you, but love to my
selfe, which makes me to under-
stand my own interest. The
younger Prim-rose returned.

Mother, I must again appeal
to your affections, despairing to
find any other Judge to Father
my cause; remember I am part
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of your selfe, and have never by
any conduct fulnesse disoblige
your affections; I profess also
mine own integrity, that I nev
er have offendeth this Board,
being more innocent therein
then your selfe, for alas my ten
yeare intitles me not to any
correspondency with him; this
is the first minute (and may it be
the last) that ever I beheld
him; I reassume therefore my
suite, supposing that your Sirs
deniall proceeded only from
desire to try my importunitiy, and
give me occasion to enforce
my request with the greater
candessence. By your motherly
bowels I conjure you (for exor
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cise which (I believe) comes
not within the compass of su-
perstition,) that you rendering
in this my extremity, whose
greatest ambition is to die in
those arms from whence I first
fetch my original. And then
she left her tears singly to drop
out the remainder, what her
tongue could not express. And at
last, The Affection of Parents
may sometimes be smothered,
but seldom quenched, and meet-
ing with the blast or bellowes
from the submissive mouths of
their Children it quickly blazeth
into a flame. Mother and daughter
are like Tallyes; one exactly
answerteth the other. The Mo-
ther

ther Prim-rose could no longer resist the violence of her daughter's importunity, but opens her bosome for the present reception thereof, wherein ever since it hath grown with doubled unto this day; and yet a double mischief did arise from this generation of the *Prim-rose*, or inserting of the little rose into the Bowels thereof, and will First, those *Prim-roses* ever since grow very slowly, and lag the last among all the *Flowers* of that kind; single *Prim-roses* beat them out of distancce, and are arrived at their Maturity month before the other; but out of their general lastinage yet it will

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*Ambaeologia, or the
Flora Britannica.*

will not be hard to assigneth a natural cause thereof, namely, a greater power of the Sunnes ad quired to the production of greater Flowers; small degrees of heat will suffice to give a being to single Flowers; and whilst double ones groaning under the weight of their own greatness, require a greater force of the Sun-brams to quicken them, and to sparrre their heat, to make them appear out of their roots. I durst not say this but the second Mischiefe most concernes us, which is this; all single Flowers are sweeter than those that are double; and here we could wish that a Survey of

Florists

Florists were impanelled, not to eat, untill such time as they were agreed in their *verdict*, what is the true cause thereof. Some will say that single *leaves* of *Flowers*, being more effectually wrought on by the *Sun-Beams*, are rarified thereby, and so all their sweetnesse and perfume the more fully extracted; whereas double *Flowers* who lie as it were in a lump, and heap crowded together with its own *leaves*, the *Sun-beams* hath not that advantage singly to distill them, and to improve every particular *leaf* to the best advantage of sweetnesse: This sure I am, that the old *Prim-*

F rose

An Apologia, or, a Vindication
of her sensiblē of the abatement
of her sweetnesse, since she was
clagged with the entertainment
of her Daughter, halfe repent-
ing that she had receiyed her,
returned this complaining dis-
course.

Daughter, I am sensiblē that
that the statute of amates, was
founded on very good and so-
lid grounds, that many should
not be multiplyed within the
roof of one and the same house,
finding the inconveniency all
thereof by lodging thee my com-
owne Daughter within my Bed-
chamber; I wil not speak how much
I have lost of my growth, the wor-

Clock whereof is set back a whole

the sprake of Flowers.
month by receiving of you; but
that which most grieveth me, I
perceive I am much abated in
my sweetnesse (the essence of all
Flowers) and which only di-
stinguishesth them from ~~wed~~
seeing otherwise in *Colours*,
weeds may contest with us in
brightnesse and variety.

Peace Mother (replied the
small *Primrose*) coniecte not
this to be your particular in-
use, happiness, which is the gene-
rally all *accident* falling out daily in
my common experience, namely,
that the bigger and thicker
such people grow in their estates, the
the worse and lesse vertuous they
holde are in their *Conversations*, our
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age may produce millions of these instances; I knew some tenne years since many honest men, whose converse was familiar and faire, how did they court and desire the company of their neighbours, and mutually, how was their company desired by them? how bumble were they in their carriage, loving in their expressions, and friendly in their behaviour, drawing the love and affections of all that were acquainted with them? But since being grown wealthy, they have first learnt not to know *themselves*, and afterwards none of their neighbours; the brightnesse of much

much *Gold* and *Silver*, hath
with the *shine* and *bustre* thereof
so *perstringed* and *dazzled* their
eyes, that they have forgotten
those with whom they had for-
merly so familiar conversation;
how *proudly* do they *walk*? how
superciliously do they *look*?
how *disdainfully* do they *speak*?
they will not know their own
Brothers and *kindred*, as being a
kin only to themselves.

Indeed such who have long
been gaining of wealth, and
have slowly proceeded by de-
grees therein, whereby they
have learnt to manage their
minds, are not so palpably
proud as others; but those who

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in an instant have been surprized
with a vast estate, flowing in
upon them from a fountain farre
above their deserts, not being
able to wield their own great-
nesse, have been prest under the
weight of their own estates,
and have manifested that their
minds never knew how to be
stewards of their wealth, by
forgetting themselves in the
disposing thereof.

I beleeve the little *Prim-rose*
would have beeclonger in her
discourse, had not the approach
of the *Boar* put an unexpected
period therunto, and made her
break off her speech before the
ending thereof.

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Now whilst all other flowers were struck into a panick silence, only two, the *Violet*, and the *Marygold* continued their discourse, which was not attributed to their valour or hardiness above other *Flowers*, but that casually both of them grew together in the declivity of a depressed *Valley*, so that they saw not the *Boar*, nor were they sensible of their own misery, nor durst others remove their stations to bring them intelligence thereof.

Sister *Marigold* (said the *Violet*) you and I have continued these many daies in the contest which of our two colours are

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Anthologia, or
the most honourable and pleasing to the Eye , I know what you can plead for your selfe , that your yellownesse is the *Livery* of *Gold*, the *Sovereign* of most mens hearts, and esteemeed the purest of all *mettals*; I deny not the truth hereof: But know that as farre as the *Skie* surpasseth that which is buried in the *Bowels* of the *Earth*, so farre my blew colour exceedeth yours; what is oftner mentioned by the Poets then the *azure Clouds*? let *Heralds* be made the *Vmpire* , and I appeal to *Gerrard*, whether the *azure* doth not carry it cleer above all other colours herein; *Sable* or *black*

Black affrights the beholders with the hue thereof, and minds them of the *Funerall* of their last friends, whom they had interred. *Vert or Green* I confess is a colour refreshing the sight, and wore commonly before the eyes of such who have had a casuall mischance therein; however, it is but the *Livery* of novelty, a young upstart colour, as green heads, and green youth do passe in common experience. *Red* I confess is a noble colour, but it hath too much of bloodiness therein, and affrighteth beholders with the memory thereof: My *Blew* is exposed to no cavills and exceptions, where-

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wherein *black* and *red* are moderately compounded, so that I participate of the perfections of them both: the over-gaudiness of the *red*, which hath too much *light* and *brightness* therein, is reduced and tempered with such a *mixture* of *black*, that the *red* is made *stayed*, but not *sod* therewith, and the *black* kept from over-much melancholy, with a proportionable contemperation of *red* therein: This is the reason that in all ages the *Violet* or *purple colour* hath passed for the emblem of Magistracy, and the *Robes* of the antient Roman judges always died therewith.

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The *Violet* scarce arrived at the middle of her discourse, when the approach of the *Boar* put it into a terrible fear, nor was there any *Herb* or *Flower* in the whole *Garden* left unsurprized with fear, save only *Time* and *Sage*, which casually grew in an *Island* surrounded with water from the rest, and secured with a lock-bridge from the *Boars* acceſſe. *Sage* beginning, accosted *Time* in this Nature.

Most fragrant Sister, there needs no other argument to convince thy transcendent sweetnesſe, save only the appealing to the *Bees* (the most compe-

competent judges in this kind) those little *Chymists*, who through their natural *Alembick*, *distill* the sweetest and usefullest of *Liquors*, did not the commonnesse and cheapnesse thereof make it lesse valued: Now these industrious Bees, the emblem of a common-wealth (or Monarchy rather, if the received traditions of a *Master-Bee* be true) make their constant diet upon the; for though no *Flower* comes amisse to their palates, yet are they observed to preferre thee above the rest. Now Sister *Time*, faine would I be satisfied of you several queries, which only *Time* is

is able to resolve. Whether or no do you think that the *State* of the *Turks* wherein we live, (whose cruelty hath destroyed faire *Tempe* to the small remnant of these few Acres) whether I say, do you think that their *strength* and *greatness* doth *increase*, *stand still*, or *abate*? I know *Time* that you are the *Mother of truth*, and the finder out of all truths mysteries; be open therefore and candid with me herein, and freely speak your mind of the case propounded.

Time very gravely casting down the eyes thereof to the earth; Sister *Sage* (said she) had you propounded any question within

within the sphear or circuit of
a Garden, of the heat or coolnesse,
drynesse or moisture, vertue or o-
peration of flowers and Herbs,
I should not have demurred so
return you a speedy answer; but
this is of that dangerous conse-
quence, that my own safety
locks up my lips, and commands
my silence therein: I know your
wisdome Sage, whence you
have gotten your name and re-
putation, this is not an age to
trust the neareste of our relati-
ons with such an important
secrecie; what ever thoughts are
concealed within the Cabinet of
my own *bosome*, shall there be
preserved in their secret pro-
pertie

partie without imparting them
to any ; my confessor himselfe
shall know my *conscience*, but
not my judgement in affaires of
State : Let us comply with the
present necessity, and lie at a
close posture, knowing there
be fencers even now about us,
who will set upon us if our
guards lye open : generall dis-
courses are such to which I will
confine my selfe : It is aptient-
ly said, *that the subtil man lurks
in generall.* But now give me
leave, for honesty it selfe, if de-
siring to be safe, to take San-
ctuary therein.

Let us enjoy our own hap-
piness, and be sensible of the
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favour indulged to us, that whereas all *Temps* is defaced, this *Garden* still surviveth in some tolerable condition of proiprity, and we especially *miled* about, are fenced from forraign foes, better then the rest; let it satisfie your soule that we peaceably possess this happinesse, and I am sorry that the lustre thereof is set forth with so true a foile, as the calamity of our neighbours.

Sage returned; Were I a blab of my mouth, whose secrerie was ever suspected, then might you be cautious in communicating your mind unto me: But secrecy is that I can principally boast

boast of, it being the quality for which the common wealth of *Flowers* chose me their privy Councillor, what therefore is told me in this nature, is deposited as securely; as those *treasures* which formerly were laid up in the *Temple* of safety it self; and therefore with all modest importunity, I reassume my suit, and desire your judgment of the question, whether the *Turkish Tyranny* is likely to continue any longer? for *Time* I know alone can give an answer to this question.

Being confident (*said Time*) of your fidelity, I shall express my selfe in that freeness unto
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you, which I never as yet expressed to any mortall : I am of that hopefull opinion, that the period of this barbarous nations greatness begins to approach, my first reason is drawn from the vicissitude and mutability which attends all earthly things; *Bodies* arrived at the *verticall* point of their *strength*, *decay* and *decline*. The *Moon* when in the fulnesse of its *increasing*, tendeth to a *waning*; it is a pitch too high for any sublunary thing to amount unto constantly, to proceed progressively in greatness; this maketh me to hope that this Giant-like *Empire*, cemented with

with Tyranny, supported, not so much with their own policy, as with the servility of such who are under them, hath seen its best daies and highest elevation.

To this end, to come to more particulars, what was it which first made the *Turks* fortunate, in so short a time to over-run all *Greece*, but these two things; first, the *dissentions*, 2. the *dissolutenesse* of your antient *Greeks*: Their *dissentions* are too well known, the Emperor of *Constantinople* being grown almost but *titular*, such the pride and potency of many *Peoples* under him. The *Egean* is not

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more stored with Islands (as I
think scarce such a heap or huc-
kle is to be found of them in
all the world againe) as Greece
was with severall *factions*, the
Epirots hated the *Achayans*, the
Mesedans bandoned against the
Thracians, the *Dalmatians*
maintained deadly feud against
the *Wallachians*: Thus was the
conquest made easie for the
Turks, beholding not so much
to their own valour, as to the
Grecian discord.

Next to their *dissentions*, their
dissolutenesse did expedite their
ruine; drunkennesse was so
common among them, that it
was a sin to be sober, so that I
may

the Speech of Towers. 15
may say, w^t all Grecie reel'd and
staggered with its own intem-
perance when the Turk assaulted
it : What wonder then was it
if they so quickly over-ran that
famous Empire, where vice and
laziness had generally infected
all conditions of people.

But now you see the Turks
themselves have divisions and
dissentions among them , their
great Basbaw^s and holy Minster
have their severall factions and
dissentions ; and whereas the
poor Greeks by the reason of
their hard usage, begin now to
be starved into unity and tem-
perance, they may seem to have
changed their vices with the

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Turky, who are now grown as factious and vicious as the other were before. Adde to all this that they are universally hated, and the neighbouring Princes rather ~~wait~~ a time, then want a will to be revenged on them for their many insolencies. Put all these together, and tell me if it put not a cheerfull complexion on probability, that the Turkish tyranny having come to the mark of its own might, and put most limies of its own greatness, will dwindle and wither away by degrees. And assure your selfe, if once it come to be but standing water, it will quickly be a lowe ebbe with them.

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Probably she had proceed-
ed longer in her Oration, if not
interrupted with the miserable
moaines and complaints of the
Herbs and *Flowers*, which the
Boar was ready to devour,
when presently the *Sage* spake
unto the *Boar* in this man-
ner.

Sir, Listen a little unto
me, who shall make such a
motion whereof your selfe
shall be w^the *Judge* (how
much it tendeth to your advan-
tage) and the deafest ears will
listen to their own interest. I
have no designe for my selfe
(whose position here inviro-
ned with with water, secureth

me from your anger) but I confess I sympathize with the miseries of my friends and acquaintance, which in the continent of the *Garden* are exposed to your cruelty; what good will it do you to destroy so many *Flowers* and *Herbs*, which have no gust or sweetnesse at all in them for your palate; follow my directions, and directly *Souab-west* as you stand, you shall find (going forward therein) a corner in the *Garden*, overgrown with *Hog-weed*, (through the *Gardiners* negligence;) Oh what *Lettice* will be for your lipps; you will say that *Via lactea* (or the milkie way) is truly

truly there, so white, so sweet,
so plentifull a liquor is to be
distilled out of the leaves there-
of, which hath gotten the name
of *Hog-weed*, because it is the
principall *Bill of fare* whereon
creatures of your kind make
their common repast. The
Boar sensible that *Sage* spake to
the purpose, followed his di-
rections, and found the same
true, when feeding himselfe al-
most to surfe on those delici-
ous dainties, he swelled so
great, that in his return out of
the *Garden*, the hole in the fence
which gave him *admittance*, was
too small to afford him *egresse*
out thercat; when the *Gardiner*
com-

coming in with a Guard of
Dogs, so persecuted this Ty-
rant, that killed on the place
he madt satisfaction for the
wrong he had done , and for
the terror wherewith he had
affrighted so many *Innocents*. I
wish the Reader well feasted
with some of his *Brawn* well
cooked, and so take our leave
both of him and the *Gardens*.

FINIS.